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BI-WEEKLY SUPPLEMENT TO **HAKESHER** BULLETIN OF RODEF SHALOM CONGREGATION

Ruth and Bernard Levaour Contemporary Lecture

## *Am I My Brother's Keeper?*

Rabbi Jonah Pesner

Director of the Religious Action Center  
of Reform Judaism

Wednesday, October 14

7:30 p.m. • Reception to Follow

Rabbi Bisno Reviews

## The Book of Genesis

**Sisterhood Book Review**

Thursday, October 15

10:15 a.m. • Aaron Court

Join us as we celebrate the 81st year of the Sisterhood Solomon B. Freehof Book Review Series. Other Book reviews in the series will be:

- Thursday, October 29 • Dr. Ellen Roth
- Thursday, November 5 • Helen Faye Rosenblum
- Thursday, November 12 • Rabbi Sharyn Henry
- Thursday, November 19 • Karen Hochberg

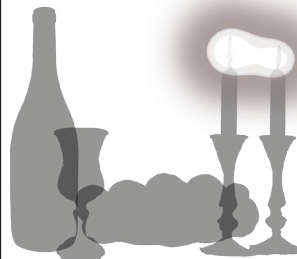
## Simchat Shabbat

The Joy of Shabbat

Friday, October 16

7 p.m. • Chapel

This monthly service is designed to be enjoyed by all generations and each month will be a fresh, evolving experience. You can expect a joyful, compelling service led by Rabbi Henry, Molly May, and Don Megahan that engages the kids as well as adults in the joy of Shabbat.



Pre-Service Oneg  
6:30 p.m.

Service  
7:00 p.m.



## Worship

### SHABBAT NOACH

Torah Portion: Genesis 6:9-11:32

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5

Friday, October 16: Rabbi Bisno & Molly May (5:30 Service)  
Rabbi Henry & Molly May (7:00 Service)

Saturday, October 17: Rabbi Bisno

### SHABBAT LECH LECHA

Torah Portion: Genesis 12:1-17:27

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Friday, October 23: Rabbi Bisno, Molly May, & Choir

Saturday, October 24: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Julie Newman  
Max Dunham Bar Mitzvah

### SHABBAT VAYEIRA

Torah Portion: Genesis 18:1-22:24

Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-4:37

Friday, October 30: Rabbi Henry & Molly May

Saturday, October 31: Rabbis Bisno & Henry, Molly May

## Social Action

### Cook Dinner for the East End Cooperative Ministry



Monday, October 19 · 6 p.m. · Rodef Shalom Kitchen

### Serve Dinner at the East End Cooperative Ministry

Wednesday, October 21 · 6 p.m.

East End Cooperative Ministry (6140 Station Street)

Join the Rodef Shalom team to provide a home-cooked dinner for the East End Cooperative Ministry. Over the past year, this activity has become a fast favorite for Social Action at Rodef Shalom! You can join us to cook and prep dinner in our own kitchen, or travel to the EECM to serve dinner to the residents there. RSVP to Yael at [eads@rodefshalom.org](mailto:eads@rodefshalom.org)

### Monthly Food Drive for the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry

Food justice is a significant part of our Social Action efforts! Help feed the needy in our community. Visit our donation station in the Commons area.

**October: Soup**

Learn about the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry at:  
[www.sqfoodpantry.org](http://www.sqfoodpantry.org)

## Learning

### Women in Genesis Poetry Workshop

Tuesdays, October 13 & 20 · 6:30 p.m. · Lippman Library  
How have female biblical figures affected you? How do our lives interact with the writings about who they were? Poet & Rodef Shalom member, Valerie Bacharach, will help us look at the women who played roles in religious life, were at times called prophets, and had myths written about them. Together through discussion, poetry, and prose, we will create voices for them.

### Genesis, Literally

Sunday, October 18 · 10:30 a.m. · Small Dining Room  
Sunday School isn't just for kids, Rabbis Bisno, Henry, & Adelson will be teaching a monthly adult education course while J-JEP Religious School is in session. We'll cover topics like Who Wrote the Bible?, Best Loved Stories, and Torah Stories You've Never Heard.

### Lunch & Learn:

#### The Meaning and Purpose of Jewish Prayer



Saturday, October 31 · 12:30 p.m. · ALC 1

Rabbis Bisno & Henry will lead us in taking a look at prayer as depicted through stories, texts, and tales to see what can be learned about the act of prayer itself. Also during this time we will have an opportunity to discuss the recent High Holy Days. Lunch is only \$5 and free babysitting will be available by request, RSVPs are required. RSVP at [www.rodefshalom.org/rsvp](http://www.rodefshalom.org/rsvp) or by calling JoAnn at 412-621-6566. Sponsored by the Prayer and Practice Committee.

### Shaking the Tree:

#### Getting to the Roots of Genesis (Torah Study)

Saturday Mornings · 9:15 a.m. · Lippman Library

Enhance your understanding of the Torah by discussing Jewish tradition's central text in the informal class. Study Genesis with Rabbis Bisno & Henry, together we'll cover topics like Genesis Themes through Song, Lessons from Two Creation Stories, and Patriarchs/Matriarchs.



## For Families

### Kindergarten Readiness.... Is your child ready?

*Wednesday, October 21 · 7 p.m. · Chapel*

What does kindergarten readiness mean and how do you know? In a culture where academic pressure is pervasive what are parents' expectations and what effect does that have on their children's development? Rodef Shalom Family Center invites you for an overview and panel discussion about these issues.

### Soup & Challah To Go!

Enjoy delicious soup made with love by Sisterhood members. Support Rodef Shalom Family Center activities and programs. October soups are beef barley or butternut squash, challah is also available; \$7 for each. For Questions or Orders, contact Mimsie Leyton at [leyton@rodefshalom.org](mailto:leyton@rodefshalom.org) or 412-621-6566 x127.

## For Women

### Rosh Chodesh

*Tuesday, October 13 · 6 p.m. · Small Dining Room*

Women are invited to welcome the new moon (Rosh Chodesh) and the new Hebrew month (Cheshvan) at our brown bag dinner discussion. Our meetings are warm, friendly, welcoming, and discussion-oriented. This year's theme is Wise Aging: looking back and looking forward - Jewish insights during life's transitions.

### World Union Luncheon with Anne Molloy

*Thursday, October 22 · 12 p.m. · Aaron Court*

Anne Molloy chaired the WUPJ Former Soviet Union (FSU) Committee from 2007 to 2015. Anne and her husband, Henry Posner III, have been involved philanthropically with the Jewish communities in the FSU since 1998. Anne is also a past President of Rodef Shalom Congregation and she has served as Librarian at Rodef Shalom since 1995. \$22 for Sisterhood members, \$25 for guests. Mail payment to: Rodef Shalom Sisterhood, c/o Laura Fehl, 206 Franklin Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15221

### Sisterhood Meeting

*Sunday, November 1 · 10 a.m. · Sisterhood Room*

Come join the Sisterhood as we prepare for upcoming events and plan for the future! Meet old friends and make new ones. All are welcome. Light refreshments served.

## For Everyone

### Music at Rodef Shalom

*Monday, October 12 · 8 p.m. · Levy Hall*

Come enjoy an evening of classical music with this year's talented lineup. In October is the Herbert Shook Memorial Concert featuring The OLM Trio (Susanne Ortner, Douglas Levine, and John Marcinizyn). Free admission. Open to all. A reception will follow the concert.

### Music with a Mission Concert

*Sunday, October 18 · 7 p.m. · Freehof Hall*

The East Winds Symphonic Band presents an evening of music from stage and screen at the Norman Kanel "Music With a Mission Concert". Free Admission. Light refreshments and set-ups provided. BYO Wine. Donations of food or cash benefitting the Squirrel Hill Community Food Pantry are welcome.

### Reel Abilities Film Festival

*October 22, 24, 26, 28, & 19 · 7 p.m. · Levy Hall*

The ReelAbilities Film Festival is dedicated to promoting awareness and appreciation of the lives, stories and artistic expressions of people with disabilities. Initiated in New York in 2007, the festival presents award winning films by and about people with disabilities. Tickets available at: [www.JFilmPgh.org](http://www.JFilmPgh.org)

### Tikkun Chant Circle

*Sunday, October 25 · 10 a.m. · Chapel*

This unique spiritual experience is led by composer and chant leader David Goldstein. David uses texts from the Torah and our liturgy, combined with simple, repetitive melodies to dive deeply into a prayerful intention. Drums and the East Indian shruti box heighten the experience.

## For Men

### Brotherhood Meeting

*Tuesday, November 3 · 6:15 p.m. · ALC1*

Every member of Brotherhood is welcome to attend and participate. It is your Brotherhood, be part of it! Dinner is served at 6:15 p.m. & the meeting begins at 6:45 p.m.



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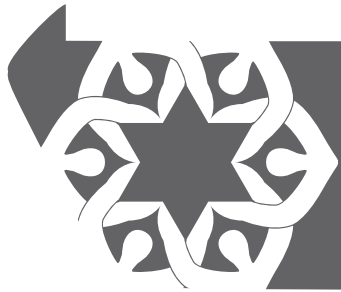




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## 1 Day, 3 Ways to Give!



### Pancake Breakfast, Coat Drive, & Blood Drive Sunday, November 1 · Aaron Court

Breakfast: 8:30 a.m. – 12 p.m.  
Blood Drive: 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Coat Drive: 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Proceeds from pancakes, turkey sausage, and beverages will enable Brotherhood to support charitable causes throughout the year, cost is \$5/person or \$15/family.

You can also spread the warmth by bringing unwanted coats, sweaters, and shoes in good condition along with you. (Donations are tax deductible.)

Or show you're the giving type with a blood donation, every two seconds someone needs blood. To schedule an appointment, log on to [centralbloodbank.org](http://centralbloodbank.org) and enter sponsor code **G0020014** or contact Yael Eads at [eads@rodefshalom.org](mailto:eads@rodefshalom.org). Walk-ins also welcome.

## Dr. Rachel Korazim

Tuesday, October 27  
7 p.m. · Levy Hall

As a teacher at some of Israel's most distinguished education institutions, Dr. Rachel Korazim is an expert on early Zionism, the Holocaust and Israeli poetry. Members of our congregational trip to Israel last summer had the opportunity to learn from the engaging Dr. Korazim in Jerusalem, and last year's visit to Rodef Shalom was a packed house. Don't miss this Rodef Shalom favorite for lifelong Jewish learning.



### MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Rodef Shalom is to build and sustain a vibrant Reform Jewish community. We guide and support our members in living full Jewish lives throughout the lifecycle, based on torah (study), avodah (worship) and gemilut hasadim (acts of loving kindness). We strive to be a national and international leader in Jewish thought and practice.